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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/684,016
Filed: October 10, 2000
Title: Annotated Plant Genes
Applicants: KOVALIC *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.031

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate);
2. a Statement of the Substance of the Interview;
3. an Appointment of Associate Attorneys; and
4. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16517.031:

\$ 320.00 notice of appeal fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the above fee (\$320), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17

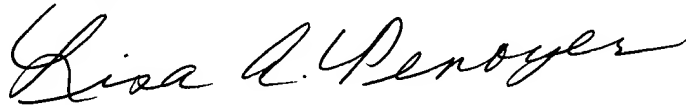


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are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.031. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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Statement of the Substance of the Interview

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Sir:

On August 11, 2003, Applicants' representative(s) held a telephone interview with Examiner Shubo "Joe" Zhou regarding the above-referenced application. Examiner Zhou provided a record of the substance of that interview.

In response to the Examiner's Interview Summary, Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement that "the response to final rejection has been received and would be acted upon promptly." In addition, Applicants thank the Examiner for his timely action on this matter and note that they have received the Advisory Action.

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